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TAGS: PINT PFOR PL  
SUBJECT: POLISH COMMENTARY ON RFE/RL EXPANSION

1. THE POLISH PRESS HAD MADE ITS FIRST COMMENT ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS TO INCREASE RFE/RL'S BROADCASTING FACILITIES. IN A ARTICLE ENTITLED, "AGAINST THE IDEA OF DETENTE", CARRIED IN THE MARCH 25 EDITION OF THE POLISH MILITARY NEWSPAPER, ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI, COLONEL W. ZIELINSKI STRONGLY ATTACKS THE PROPOSAL.

2. CONTENDING THAT THE "DIVERSIONARY" BROADCASTS OF RFE AND RADIO LIBERTY ARE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF "IMPERIALIST CIRCLES" AGAINST THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, ZIELINSKI CLAIMS THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS EXPECTED TO REDUCE THESE BROADCASTS AFTER SIGNING THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. NEVERTHELESS, "AGAINST ALL LOGIC," PRESIDENT  
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CARTER ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 22 HIS PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE BORADCASTING CAPABILITIES OF THESE STATIONS.

3. ZIELINSKI THEN QUOTES STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO CIA DIRECTOR TURNER TO THE EFFECT THAT " . . .THE CIA HAS CONDUCTED AND CONTINUES TO CONDUCT MANY SECRET OPERATIONS. PERHAPS NOT ALL ARE NECESSARY. NEVERTHELESS, THE ACTIVITIES OF

THE AGENCY SERVE THE COUNTRY AND ARE NECESSARY." THE AUTHOR THEN JUMPS INTO THE PAST TO NOTE THAT RFE AND RADIO LIBERTY HAVE BEEN REVEALED AS CIA OPERATIONS, WITH THE OBVIOUS INPLICATION THAT THEY ARE STILL FUNDED BY CIA.

4. ZIELINSKI ALSO ATTACKS THE FRG FOR ALLOWING ITS TERRITORY TO BE USED FOR "ANTI-DETENTE ACTIVITIES." HE CONCLUDES BY ASSERTING THAT U.S. RADIO BROADCASTS AND THE ACTIVITIES OF FRG "REACTIONARY FORCES" REPRESENT ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST STATES AND THEREFORE "CANNOT SERVE THE IDEA OF DETENTE."

5. COMMENT: ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI IS THE MOST POLEMICAL DAILY NEWSPAPER IN POLAND. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW THE REST OF THE POLISH PRESS PLAYS THE NEWS ABOUT ENLARGING THE TRANSMITTING FACILITIES FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT BROADCASTS AND ESPECIALLY FOR RFE/RL.  
END COMMENT.  
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